

Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel

Edward Fordham

(Died December 15, 2016)

Mass of Christian Burial for Edward Fordham, 69, of Groton will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, December 19th at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton. Father Mike Kelly will officiate.

Visitation will be held at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel on Sunday from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Ed passed away December 15, 2016 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital, Aberdeen.

Edward William was born on October 17, 1947 in Aberdeen to Clarence and Irene (Knittel) Fordham. He attended and graduated from Central High School in 1965. Ed was united in marriage with his high school sweetheart, Sheila Sanders on June 30, 1967 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Aberdeen. At the age of 15, he began working for a small grocer checking eggs. When Ken's Superfair Foods opened in Aberdeen, he began a 50 year career, first as produce manager and later assistant store manager. After several years, Ed became manager at Ken's Fairway in Groton. He enjoyed his work at the store, as well as visiting with the many customers. Ed will be forever remembered for his infectious smile and jovial personality.

Ed was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton. He enjoyed camping, golfing with his son and watching football, especially the Dallas Cowboys with his kids. One of his favorite hobbies was to go fishing with family and friends and on his last fishing trip, he caught a proud angler small mouth bass. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-granddaughter and will be missed by his dog, Laila.

Celebrating his life is his wife of 49 years, Sheila of Groton, his children, Michael (Tina) Fordham of Bristol, Scott (Mary) Fordham of Groton and Michelle Fordham (Matt Menzia) of Groton, his five grandchildren: Justin, Austin, Alyssa, Amanda and Kayla and great-granddaughter, Eliana.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one brother, Larry.

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